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## To All Iron Fireman Employees

Once again we are able to celebrate a real Christmas. True, we cannot get all the "things" that we remember as a part of our "old fashioned" Christmas but this is but a minor irritant in the glow of our knowledge that the war is over, many of our boys are home and the rest will be coming home soon. Here at home, on this first Christmas of Peace after four long years, we are able to look forward to a new year, bright with the promise of peacetime production and normal, happy living. Within our Iron Fireman family there has always been a feeling of friendliness and good will and this year that feeling should be enhanced by the friendliness and good will of a peaceful America. Because we have always been a closely knit, friendly organization the management takes great pleasure in this opportunity to say to each of you what we find impossible to say in person: A very Merry Christmas full of every good thing and a New Year bright with the promise of Peace and Good Will throughout the World.

# Toy Horses

By EUGENE HALVERSON, Guest Editor

**P**EOPLE all over the world ride. The things they choose to ride are as strange and varied as the queer beings who ride them. For example, donkeys are ridden in Spain; elephants in India; in China, shank mare and tigers. Yes, tigers! Kung Fu Tze said, remember? "He who rides a tiger dare not dismount."

So let us ride! Let's ride toy horses. Why toy horses? I looked in my dictionary for the meaning of the word "hobby" and found:

(1) a small sized horse; (2) a favorite occupation or topic pursued for amusement, and which is compared to the riding of a toy horse. Riding toy horses is fun.



I suppose everybody has a hobby. But why not ride the blessed thing out on the open highway where your friends can see it? Have you noticed that every mother's son is interested—and interesting—when talking about his hobby? And why not? If an idea is

so enticing that it fills your entire mind, it just naturally must be a little bit interesting to your friends. Tell 'em about it and see.

I've mentioned hobby to a few of the fellows lately; men who never voluntarily mention their hobby. You should see the gleam of interest, eagerness, of almost passionate devotion when they get started. Incidentally, you can learn a lot from a man with a hobby. He often knows.

Here are a few of the shop's hobby riders. George Haehlen makes model planes with gas motors. Fred Raynor flies planes, real ones. William Duncan grows flowers, and loves it. Morris Williams sings. Elmer Maulding plays the piano but is always reluctant 'til his thirst is quenched. Marshall Young likes photography. Les Brown is lucky—he has a whole stable of hobbies. Brown, Young and Hupp have me started on the camera idea. I have always had hobbies. Probably the most interesting, and certainly the toughest to ride, was learning to read Chinese.

The nicest thing about hobbies is that you need not be expert to derive the utmost in enjoyment. If you have ever heard a one year violin pupil mutilate Beethoven's "Minuet in G," you know what I mean. Enjoyment begins when you mount the toy horse and continues full strength until you dismount.

I suggest a frequent and completely informal display of the results of hobbying. Remember how we enjoyed the really exquisite inlaid woodwork that Jackson showed us? Why not pet photographs, flowers, models, yes, and a song now and again? Might be interesting.

But what ever, let's ride our toy horses out in the open.

## VISITING FIREMEN

Chief Machinist Mate Ed. Richards confides that he is still single because he didn't get around where there were girls. He landed on Okinawa 30 days after the invasion to set up a machine shop where he repaired trucks, all types of equipment both army and navy.



Lester Strand, discharged November 30th, returned to Iron Fireman "still single." He has been in the

Amphibious forces on the Freeston as Chief Motor Mechanic. He spent most of his time around the Philippines although he did get in on the invasion of Okinawa. He says he saw little of land, spending one long stretch of time below decks on his ship. But he helped take occupation troops into Nagasaki.



When Orvin Ahern returned to Iron Fireman he brought us news of his wife, also of Iron Fireman, Betty

Sheets. The Aherns have a little six-weeks-old girl and both the baby and Betty are doing nicely. Orvin has been out on Entiwetoc on bomber patrol. His most recent assignment was



flying to get evidence for atrocity trials, pictures, and to do air-sea rescue work. Right now he is looking for a house to live in.

Home after 15 months in the South Pacific on the U.S.S. Catskill, Portland built, is Chief Machinist Mate George Shoop.

He has also been to Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. George was discharged the 29th of October and is now back on his old job in the shop.



Machinist Mate 1st Class John Downey came up to see us on his terminal leave. During his service he visited Scotland and England, British West Africa, Ewa, Hawaii and Midway. John is getting married after his discharge and will return to work about the middle of January. While on Ewa he made some surgical instruments for the doctors at the M.C. A.S. and knowing doctors I'll bet that that was one particular job.



A self styled "U.S.O." soldier because he didn't leave the States is Al Vogelpohl formerly 2nd Lt. with the Army Air Force. Al spent his time as pilot and instructor in Columbus Army Air Base, Dodge City, Kansas and Del Rio, Texas. Back in the shop Al said he had no matrimonial intentions but was glad to be back on the job.



Harold Schoeneman, WT 2/c is back in the shop. He was stationed on the Destroyer Welles in the South Pacific for a while. For the last 16 months he has been teaching school for the Navy. And you will never guess what he has been teaching—oil burner assembly. So Harold should be in good trim for his work here.



Richard Fox came back to work after his discharge October 18th. While in the service Richard went to Samar, Okinawa and Guam on a C.V.E. He, like the rest of our returned Firemen, is very glad to be back on the job as a civilian.



## Production Planning Department Source of Supply

THE PRODUCTION PLANNING DEPARTMENT orders materials and keeps records of all material receivables and disbursements. They plan the usage of these materials so that parts will be made in such a way as to come out at the assembly line in balanced groups and on time so that assembly schedules may be met.



Left to right, top row: Harlan Potts, Leonard Nash, Lyle Hogue, Elton Strahorn, Harold Walker, William Duncan, Merle Johnson. Left to right, second row: Dixie Walters, Eunice Nelson, Esther Hensel, Harold O'Brien, Marjorie Durham, Dolores Price, Glenva Cooper. Bottom row, left to right: Carolyn Stuart, John Wilson, Kathryn Sims.

### "Thanks" Dan Anderson

Dan Anderson writes from Cleveland "As you know I received two beautiful and much appreciated gifts from the 'gang' before I left Portland. This was on Friday afternoon, my last day at the plant, therefore I did not have an opportunity to contact and personally thank each one for the gifts. Will you please put a "thank you" note in the next issue of the *Iron Man* from me?" Dan has already started his new job as shop superintendent and we are sure he is getting along fine. He promises to write again after he knows more about Cleveland.

These assembly schedules are worked out in this department from the sales departments advanced sales estimate. As the greater amount of sales are made during August, September and October, assembly schedules must be worked out in such a way that the machine shop may work steadily throughout the year and still meet all sales requirements without having a larger inventory at any one time than actually required. Under this department comes receiving department and material stores. With this plan, materials are controlled from the time they are ordered until they are delivered to the machine shop.

Harold Walker plans quantities and dates for all stoker orders released. He is ably assisted by Eunice Nelson, Glenva Cooper, Dixie Walters and Dolores Price. These girls post all parts finished in the machine shop and parts shipped.

Lyle Hogue and Esther Hensel plan the oil burner orders. Lyle works out the assembly schedule for all assemblies from the sales estimates. Merle Johnson and John Wilson keep all records regarding the Isaacson contract. Harlan Potts maintains all records of raw material receivables and disbursements.

Harold O'Brien plans the work for every machine in the shop so that parts may flow through the machine shop on definite dates. He is assisted by Marjorie Durham and Dorothy Mendenhall who record items that are not on schedule and type up master dittos of all orders. Leonard Nash is working out lists of

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Susan Jane LaFortune and Santa Claus



# THE PROOF



T. H. Banfield



Rudy Sott



Ed Pearson



E. C. Sammons

"Isn't there an old adage that the 'Proof of the pudding is in the eating?' and another one something about if the cook can eat his own broth . . ? If there is and they are true, then the employees of Iron Fireman are proof that the products they manufacture are the best obtainable—and they should know how good they are, they see them made and help make them.

Take stokers, for example. Here's Bill Huntley who has had a stoker for 17 years (he's the champion in the matter of time, incidentally) likes his so well that he has moved it four times when changing residences. Bill Tanna told us "After heating my house for 11 years with an Iron Fireman coal stoker, I wouldn't take \$1,000 for it. I haven't changed oil or looked at it since I installed it. Buy 'em, install 'em and forget 'em is my motto!"

As for Al Schwerin: "I've had my

stoker for 12 years, I wouldn't trade it for all the oil burners in the country. It seems like nothing ever goes wrong with it." Rudy Sott is of exactly the same opinion: "After 12 years of service



Adolph Olson



Ed Thorpe



Fred Raynor



Bill Tanna



Frank Wright



Tiny Wright

from my stoker I like it fine. I'm going to keep it, I have to use up that nine ton of coal in my basement."

Tiny Wright, when asked if he had a stoker: "I guess I have got a stoker. I put it in ten years ago and haven't

looked at it since." Harold Gowing is equally pleased with his: "It has given very good service. I am very well satisfied with it."

Fifty-eight Iron Fireman employees own coal stokers. And all 58 are highly pleased with the service they are receiving. Besides those mentioned above the following have had stokers for ten years or more and still like 'em: Ed Pearson, 13 years; F. M. Bentall, 12 years; Eddie Sammons, 12 years; Elmer Howard 11 years; T. H. Banfield, 11 years; Adolph Olson, 10 years; Ed Thorpe, 10 years; Fred Raynor, 10 years, and Frank Wright 10 years.

Ed Pearson maintains that he hasn't experienced any trouble with his at all, not even one sheared pin. And he certainly enjoys the nice, even heat. "I

throw a couple of shovels of coal in the hopper every night and the job of keeping the hopper full is that much easier."

"If it was necessary to reduce the contents of my house," says Ed Thorpe, "the last article to leave my house would be my stoker."

Owners of stokers for less than ten years are just as vociferous in their praises. Al Shankland told your reporter, "I've had my stoker for nine years. The main thing I like about it is the even heat distribution and the clean basement." And Ted Kinney says "After nine years I have replaced one shear pin, I haven't looked at it otherwise." Our spies report that Ted has it over the rest of the stoker owners. He has a secret way of removing the klinkers.

Of course we can't all be of that inventive turn of mind but even if we struggle with the klinkers just like other common people we still like our stokers. Says Harry Beran: "I wouldn't trade my stoker for an oil burner or anything else. My wife would never

Chas. Duffy  
Orville LamvikRoy Scheidel  
Bill PaekerBill Brennan  
Otto PetrickAl Shankland  
Ernie Thedy

Harry Beran



# F THE PUDDING

part with it. She likes the steady, uniform heat. It is a very dependable heating unit."

"I shudder to think of all the cords of wood I would have had to put in my furnace in these nine years. I have had continuous service from my coal stoker and not a bit of trouble. I'd give up my car before I'd part with my stoker," said Walt Bernhardt fervently.

Charles Duffy, another nine-year stoker owner, says he is very well satisfied and enjoys his stoker very much. Ernie Thedy remarked, "My stoker gives very good heat. And what is good—it is very economical." You have a big item there, Ernie. And after nine years you should know.

But we think Bill Packer can speak with real authority. He owns two houses



Al Schwerin



F. M. Bentall



H. M. Gowing



Bill Huntley

Besides Joe, who has had his stoker eight years, Paul Gierke, Charles Shepherd, Earl Winkler, Frank Caputo, John Leake, Art Peterson, and Max Richardson have all owned theirs for eight years. Bob Smith has had his stoker for seven years; Bud Schwerin, Bruce Fields

Hodl, Harold Walker, Fred Groshong, Lyle Washburn, Frank Erickson, George Hall, Eugene Butzer, Fred Hansen, Hercy Jackson, Phil McGuire, Leonard Nash, John Romig and Wayne Strong.

But just because they have had their stokers a shorter period of time does not make them less appreciated. These men can remember the years B.S. (Before Stoker) more vividly. Says Frank Erickson: "I have a bin feed and like it very much. All I have to do is pull out the clinkers once in a while. My wife thinks it's wonderful and so do I when I get up to a nice warm house in the morning."

And our prize story is the one Rex Smallmon told us. He started looking for a stoker after the war had started and when stokers were no longer being manufactured for private individuals. The only way he could get a stoker was to buy a house that was already equipped with one. This he did.

Golly, wish I could get hold of a stoker before next winter.



Elmer Howard



Ted Kinney



Al Hoffmeister



John Jones



Max Richardson



Earl Winkler

—and both of them are equipped with Iron Fireman coal stokers. "The stoker keeps the renters warm and satisfied." Well, many a landlord will be glad to hear of something that will keep renters "satisfied."

Besides those named above Al Hoffmeister, Henry Evers, Roy Scheidel, Bill Brennen, Orville Lamvik and Otto Petrick have all had stokers for nine years.

Once in a while we run upon an owner who has a complaint to make. Take Joe Haag for example. He says his stoker doesn't always run. Upon cross examination we came up with this, "I like my stoker fine. I just fill the hopper once in a while. It runs fine, if I don't forget to put coal in it. I am sure that Iron Fireman will come out with the first coal stoker that will order the coal when you need it, see that it gets loaded properly and with a minimum of coal dust into your bins, fill its own hopper and turn itself on and off as the season demands."

and Ed Jordan have enjoyed the comfort, economy and convenience of Iron Fireman coal stokers for six years.

The babies in the game are the following who have had stokers only five years or less: Terry Lowry, Bill Hupp, Rex Smallmon, Sam Eckhardt, Larry



Paul Gierke

Chas. Shepherd  
Joe HaagHenry Evers  
John LeakeBob Smith  
Art PetersonFrank Caputo  
Walt Bernhardt



## STRICTLY PERSONAL



Have you heard about the new "Garbage" game? No—well it seems that Mr. and Mrs. Unis invited Mr. and Mrs. Hodl and Mr. and Mrs. Aplalp over the other night to play a little "Garbage." It's a new game consisting of roulette, poker, bingo, put an' take, dice and slot machine. (Sounds like something, doesn't it?) Anyway, Bill and his wife cleaned the Unis and Hodl families to the extent that the Hodl's went home in a barrel and the Unis' are eating beans. Bill says the reason he won is simply that he read the rules. (Or made the rules, Bill?)

Speaking of speed in scenery and stage settings, we think the theater should take at least one bow to the heating control division. A large group of the employees decided to have a pot-luck Thanksgiving dinner. At 12 o'clock the tables were improvised on saw horses and panels, and a very bountiful dinner, including turkey with all the trimmings, fruit cake, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, etc., was served. When the bell rang to resume work at 12:45, all traces of the feed had vanished, and everyone was back on the job even though they had somewhat strained expressions on their faces.

The personnel in the equipment section of the United States Forest Service had an opportunity to visit the plant of Iron Fireman, Thursday, November 29. This group of 15 men were conducted through the plant by Mr. Gowing, Mr. Ashenbrenner and Mr. Hodl.



One of the men who has been around Iron Fireman since the company began is Dave Krichersky, who has been hauling away scrap from the plant for 10, these many years. Dave is a well known and well liked personality having a host of friends here.

When Ed Pearson came to work Thursday morning he found his desk and the floor around it covered with water. So Ed put a 10-gallon can on top of his desk to catch the rain water that was still dripping and covered the rest of his desk with a piece of canvas.

Better get some hip boots, Ed.

The personnel office has the tricycle problem pretty well under control. Two of the hired help up there had tricycles but children too big to ride them, and two of them had children the age for tricycles but no tricycles. So an exchange was effected that got tricycles and children together and everyone seems well pleased with the bargain.



One of Iron Fireman's "Beloved," Bill, "Stinky" Packer strolled into the shop the other A.M. (about 7:59), with one eye open and still wearing his bedroom slippers. We are surprised that he wasn't wearing pajamas, too. (Maybe he was, under his clothes). Blame it on the alarm clock, Bill.



### I.F. PRIVATE DUCK POND

For those devotees of the nimrod who like to have an exclusive place to do their hunting, Iron Fireman has considerably furnished a private and exclusive duck pond. Just to prove what we say is so, we offer a picture of Les Tallman giving his decoys some special training on what is known as "Jim Orr's Slough."

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Denny (Mrs. Denny is an ex-Iron Fireman emp' Lucz Winters), are looking forward to an addition in their family soon. Bets are that it will be triplets. We learned from a very reliable source that on Lucz's side of the family twins and triplets are quite commonplace.



We understand that one of Iron Fireman's downstairs office employees has invented a cold protection nose guard that will be a boon to medical science. Of course it has a few drawbacks in that the wearer cannot get too close to a telephone but with our new "squawk boxes" that shouldn't interfere too much with the efficiency of inter-plant communication. What we want to know is, are you patenting your invention, Miss Devlin, or do you intend to give it to medical science as a service to humanity?

A wedding shower was held for Velma Banko at the home of Elenore Anderson December 7. The guests arrived at 8:30, Velma at 9:00. Guests were all assembled when Velma arrived. She was greeted with a huge surprise. Refreshments were served after Velma opened her many gifts.

Velma is our assistant editor from heating control.

Jimmy Piehl is a pretty proud person now-a-days. All because of a ring. But this is an extra special ring made of monel metal by the fellows who work under him and designed so that it will hold his ten-year pin. It is really a beautiful job and everyone concerned has a right to be proud of it.

Slim Bailey is a hunter and he has evidence to prove it. Here is shown proudly displaying the "end" of the deer. Is that all you could get, Slim? Or wouldn't the camera focus on the entire animal?







Receiving loads the jeep.

### Production Planning Department Source of Supply

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similar parts so that better machine loading may be accomplished. It is intended that similar parts shall flow through the machines making set-ups from one part to another as simple as possible.

William Duncan keeps all material cost records. This includes freight and express costs. Kathryn Sims does all ditto, mimeographing, addressographing and is now running the new blue-print machine. Carolyn Stuart is the department typist and file clerk. Esther Hensel is the department secretary. Howard Browne handles the receiving department and material stores. Mildred White does all the receiving report writing and posting.

Clyde Leake handles receiving at Plant 2. Benjamin Becker is responsible for the steel room and is ably assisted by Al Twerp and Marvin Dittus. Ike Messer takes care of the casting room and is assisted by Leonard Bush and Lester Albright. Bill Courtney takes care of all express receipts and delivers departmental supplies. Woodrow McCauley, Leo Folsom and Joe Michal operate the hack saws and cut-off machines in this department.

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Wanted: Pair single bed springs. See Lillie Coughlin, burring department.

For Sale: One Weston photo-electric exposure meter, prewar, good condition. See Les Brown, heavy drills.

Wanted: Electric Victrola. See Maxine Schoenrock in order department.

For Sale: Complete set of Silver Seal cooking utensils in very good condition. Also wood rocking chair, prewar baby crib. Jimmy Piehl.

For Sale: Reflex type camera. Twelve exposures on 120 film. 2x yellow filter. Portrait attachment. Focus four feet to infinity. Shutter speed 1/50 second. F 7/7 lens. Gene Halverson, Dept. 17A.

Wanted: An alarm clock. See Jean Smith, office.

For Sale: New house, small but comfortable. Price right, must sell. See Bill Hupp, tool grinding.



Perhaps one of the best known employees at Iron Fireman is Charlie Steinert who has been with this company since July, 1925. Charlie has worked almost all over the shop—in lathes, mills, shapers, assembly of gear case, inspection on rolling bench and spent some time servicing gear cases for the company throughout Idaho and Washington. On the private life side Charlie has been married 37 years, has three boys, two in the Army Air Corps and one in the Navy Air Corp. His hobby is building streamlined homes. The above picture shows Charlie at the rolling bench.



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Service men back at I. F.

### William Schwalbe Specializes in Wood Specialities and Novelties

This month's hobbyist is Bill Schwalbe who makes odd and clever items out of wood as a hobby and as a rather profitable spare time job.



Bill says the most important advantage is that it keeps him out of mischief. Yes Schwalbe is the way Bill spells it, though he has about given up the hope of getting his

time card changed so the L is in front of the B, instead of after it, where he has seen it for nearly four years now.

Bill is no novice at the machine shop trade, he had been running an automobile repair shop in North Dakota for several years before he came to the Pacific Coast and Iron Fireman. He had this woodworking hobby then but when he moved he sold his tools and is just now getting some of the tools together again. Incidentally, that North Dakota shop was heated with an Iron Fireman coal stoker. If Iron Fireman ever organizes a band, just let Mr. Schwalbe know. He played in the town band back in the old days.

These cut-out figures, such as a little girl watering the flowers; which are set up around lawns and yards are one of Bill's common products. Another is what he calls knick-knack shelves. According to some of the samples sold to fellow employees they are very ornamental as well as handy. Some of those maple leaf designs were strictly artistic.

As an example of the way things go: the evening before this interview a neighbor woman brought over a broken wooden handle to a shopping bag and got a new one made. She had hardly gone when a man came after a new handle for his butcher knife.

Bill's present shop is just a shed and the air conditioning is cold air so he isn't doing as much as ordinary. Most of the recent work is wrapped and put away for Christmas presents.

About the only power tools at present are a wood working lathe, a jig saw and a drill press. There is a sander that Bill has in mind to add to his setup but the rest are hand tools.

Ferguson is of the opinion that the power failure December 4, was caused by Bill trying to run all his tools at once and fast enough to keep warm.

# S P O R T S



**ALLEY CATS**

Back row: Marvin Overholts, Capt.; Bob LaFortune, Harlan Potts. Front row: Marion Bixel, Chet Banta, Bob Chambers.



**SHORT SNORTERS**

Back row: Bunch Dixon, Scotty Laing, Johnny Powers, Elmer Richardson. Front row: Walt Hohenleitner, Capt.; Joe Haag.

## PINBALL PATTEN

By HERMAN REISBICK

The annual fall A.B.C. singles and doubles tournament ended December 3, at the Portland Alleys and we are proud of our Albert (Dutch) Hoffmeister who rolled himself a nice three-game total of 597 to win third place in the B division. Nice going Al! Other entries from the I.F. gang were Ted Kinney, Howard Browne and Fred Hansen, they were out there rolling against the best bowlers of the Portland area.

Then back to our own little game at the marble palace each Monday and Tuesday evening where it's just the gang batting each other around. We had hoped last month that some one was going to give Fred Hansen some competition for tops in the high ten boys, but that was only wishful thinking. The tall Swede is still riding high, 13 pins at Inspector Kinney.

Al Hoffmeister and Fred are tied for single game high at 233, and George (Scotty) Laing three game high at 602.

As of December 3rd, the Atom Bombers were still riding the top rung.

### TEAM STANDINGS

NAME	W.	L.	Pct.
Atom Bombers.....	21	12	.636
Bushers.....	19	14	.576
Whiz Bangs.....	18	15	.545
Old Timers.....	18	15	.545
Pow-R-Arms.....	17	16	.515
Alley Cats.....	16	17	.485
Short Snorters.....	16	17	.485
Nine Pins.....	15	18	.455
Absentees.....	15	18	.455
Tom Cats.....	10	23	.303



Fred Hansen bears down.

## FISHING NEWS SHOTS FROM FIRING LINE

By CHARLES SHEPHERD

Hello Gang: I just moved into my new place. We have the Willamette in our front yard. The house also has a fireplace. Those gadgets aren't made to keep warm by, but they are a swell place to talk fishing around.

Doris and I do that lots. We were talking over the time on the McKenzie a few years back. About four days of our vacation had gone by, we had taken in the Redwoods, Oregon Caves, and Crater Lake, and had got no fishing in until then. I was getting hard to get along with, so Doris said "Let's hit the McKenzie." That we did. We stopped at the Hot Springs, and tried some flies with no results. We went back to camp where I caught a can of grasshoppers, which I decided to try at the resort. My first cast netted me a ten-incher and along about evening the basket was full. Thirteen nice ones which just about covered the book for breed: Browns, reddsides, mountain trout and the rest.

I had noticed another fisherman upstream who was trying hard with no results. When I finally got close enough to recognize him, I saw that it was one of our now retired supervisors who had a darn good reputation as a fisherman. He had no fish.

While sitting on the curb during our lunch period, someone asked him "what luck?" His answer was: "I didn't even have my pole in the water." Which all proves there is more than one way of not admitting that you got skunked.

P.S. He sure had his line wet, though.

By BERT MILLER

The first one done with his targets for this month's Iron Fireman match was Louis Weinberg with a score of 476. Most of the rest of us thought we were just shooting for fun but on the last night a cursory glance at the scores gave Richard Buckley about the only chance to take it away from Louis. Sure enough Buck bore down and made a 482. While we were gathered around congratulating him, Johnny Jones handed in his last target and when we added up it was the trophy and a new high score of 486 for Johnny.

From now on Willard will be known as "Hardluck" Shephard. In the last issue it was told about Shep being second for the President's Trophy in the Portland Rifle Club match. This month we had the Ray Green handicap match and until the last man finished Shep was the only one who had hit that magic 600 on the nose. It was a tie, and according to the rules for a tie "Hardluck" Shephard was second again.

Three new members this month are Richard Buckley, Fred Raynor, and Rex Smallmon. On Rex's second visit to our range he joined that elite class of possible shooters who have fired 100x100. When it was explained to him how unorthodox it was to do it so soon he gracefully blew up on the next target. However, it may be a good idea for some of the boys out in front to keep an eye on Rex and some of the others as it may be quite a race for averages before spring.

Many Xs for Xmas and plenty of possibles in the New Year!